

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

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1. A receiver for receiving a water-based colorant image transferred by a stamp or the like, comprising:
  - (a) an image receiving structure having:
    - (i) a support;
    - (ii) an information receiving layer which contains recorded information, such information receiving layer being formed over the support; and
    - (iii) a clear hydrophobic protective layer formed over the information receiving layer; and
  - (b) a hydrophilic layer formed over the information receiving layer and selected so as to be able to receive a water-based colorant image.
2. A receiver for receiving a water-based colorant image transferred by a stamp or the like, comprising:
  - (a) an image receiving structure having:
    - (i) a support;
    - (ii) a barrier layer formed over the support;
    - (iii) an information receiving layer which contains recorded information, such information receiving layer being formed over the barrier layer; and
    - (iv) a clear hydrophobic protective layer formed over the information receiving layer; and
  - (b) a hydrophilic layer formed over the information receiving layer and selected so as to be able to receive a water-based colorant image.
3. A method for forming a receiver which is adapted to receive a water-based colorant image transferred by a stamp or the like, comprising:
  - (a) providing an image receiving structure having:
    - (i) a support; and
    - (ii) an information receiving layer which is adapted to receive recorded information, such information receiving layer being formed over the support; and

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- (b) forming information in the information receiving layer;
  - (c) forming a clear hydrophobic protective layer over the information receiving layer;
  - (d) forming a hydrophilic layer over the information receiving layer and selected so as to be able to receive a water-based colorant image; and
  - (e) forming a water-based colorant image in the hydrophilic layer.
4. The method according to claim 3 wherein the water-based colorant is selected from the group consisting of water based ink and water-based pigment.
5. The method according to claim 3 wherein the hydrophilic layer includes gelatin formulated with surfactants.
6. The method according to claim 3 wherein the hydrophilic layer is selected from the group consisting of polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP), polyester ionomers, polyethylene oxide and copolymers of vinyl alcohol.
7. The method according to claim 3 wherein the hydrophilic layer is formed by the steps of:
- (i) moving a colorant donor element having a plurality of transferable colorant patches and a patch having hydrophilic material into transferable relationship with the receiver;
  - (ii) transferring colorants from colorant patches to the image receiving layer; and
  - (iii) transferring hydrophilic material from the hydrophilic patch.
8. The method according to claim 7 wherein the colorant patches in the donor are cyan, magenta and yellow which are applied sequentially applied to the image receiving layer.
9. The method according to claim 3 further including the steps of:
- (i) moving a colorant donor element having a plurality of transferable colorants in colorant patches , a protective patch and a hydrophilic

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patch into transferable relationship with the receiver;

- (ii) transferring colorants from the colorant patches to the image receiving layer;
- (iii) transferring material from the protective patch to form a protective layer; and
- (iv) transferring a hydrophilic material from the hydrophilic patch onto the image receiving layer to form the clear hydrophobic layer on the image receiving layer.

10. The method according to claim 9 wherein the water-based colorant is selected from the group consisting of water based ink and water-based pigment.

11. The method according to claim 9 wherein the hydrophilic layer includes gelatin formulated with surfactants.

12. The method according to claim 9 wherein the hydrophilic layer is selected from the group consisting of polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP), polyester ionomers, polyethylene oxide and copolymers of vinyl alcohol.

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